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total revenue realised under the Act during the year was Rs. 2,604 50.

Societies Registration Act.

341. Under the Societies Registration Act, 327 societies were registered during the year realising a revenue of Rs. 6,239-25. The total number of Registered Societies at the end of the year was 1,523.

(vi) Working of the Mysore Motor Spirit (Taxation On Sales) Act, 1949.

342. There were no amendments to the Mysore Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Act in force during the year. The Act was extended to Bellary District with effect from 1st April 1956.

343. During the year, five importers and 88 retailers had registered themselves as dealers in petrol and three importers, three wholesalers and 82 retailers as dealers in motor spirit other than petrol.

344. The number of assessments made under petrol and motor spirit other than petrol were 1,734 and 1,562 respectively.

345. As against the total demand under petrol amounting to Rs. 32,10,574, a sum of Rs. 30,74,872 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 1,35,702.

346. The demand under motor spirit other than petrol amounted to Rs. 5,45,691, out of which a sum of Rs. 5,35,131 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 10,560.

347. The total number of prosecutions launched were 44, out of which seven cases ended in conviction by Magistrate, five were let off with warning, 21 cases were compounded leaving a balance of 11 cases pending at the close of the year.

348. No appeals under the provisions of the Act were preferred during the year.

(vii) The Mysore Government Insurance Department.

General:

349. After the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Insurance Department was integrated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India with effect from 1st September 1956, the following items of works

were attended to by the residuary sections of the Department:—

1. Extension of Official Branch and Motor Branch Schemes to the integrated areas.
2. Revising the Rules of the Official Branch and Motor Branch for applying them to the New State of Mysore.
3. Starting a Fire Insurance Scheme in the Department and also a General Insurance Fund on the lines of the Bombay Insurance Fund.
4. Preliminary work relating to the valuation of the Official Branch as on 31st March 1956 were being finalised with a view to declare the bonus on the Life Branch policies.

350. *Official Branch.*—Out of the 6,414 proposals accepted during the year, including 1,071 pending at the beginning of the year and 16 cases reinstated during the year, 5,335 proposals resulted in policies for an assurance of Rs. 74,60,212 bringing in a monthly premium of Rs. 27,845. Out of the remaining 1,079 proposals, 300 were cancelled, and for 779 cases, treasury receipts for payment of first premium had not been received before the close of the year.

351. The financial position of the Life Insurance Fund (Official Branch) during the year was as follows:— Life Insurance Fund. (Official Branch.)

Receipts		Payments	
	Rs.		Rs.
Opening balance as on 1st April 1956 ...	2,69,76,308-35	Approximate payments	21,79,200-0
Approximate receipts during 1956-57 ...	45,87,200-0	Approximate closing balance.	2,93,84,308-35
Total ...	3,15,63,508-35		3,15,63,508-35

352. A new set of rules of the Official and Motor Branch applicable to the New State of Mysore has been framed. Under the new rules, an officer can propose an insurance on a higher stage pay of his time scale of pay

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subject to a maximum of Rs. 80 per month whatever may be his pay at the time he offers his proposal for insurance.

353. *Motor Branch.*—The Motor Branch insured 2,733 vehicles earning a premium income of about Rs. 3,03,023 as compared with 2,217 vehicles earning a premium income of about Rs. 2,14,081 in the previous year. The claims paid during the year were :—

		Rs.
Comprehensive Risk	...	27,536
Third Party Risk	...	2,593
Act Liability	...	Nil
Total	...	30,129

354. The Motor Insurance Fund as on 31st March 1957 amounted to Rs. 14,36,556 as compared with Rs. 11,16,680 in the previous year.

355. The Department as usual participated in the Dasara Exhibition at Mysore during 1956. Brochures and hand bills explaining the advantages of the several types of risks in the Motor Branch were distributed among the visitors to the Stall.

356. The Branch Office at Mysore was abolished from 1st September 1956 as the Public Branch got integrated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India from that date.